For maintenance of telegraph system the uae oi electronics Teleprinter machines, use of voice frequency telegraph system, store and forward type micro processor controlled message switching telegraph systems use of reliable high grade communication media such as microwave co-axial Satellite and UHF radio system etc. are being employed.

Manufacture of Telephone Instruments

687. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has recently been signed by India and Italy for the manufacture of five lakh telephone instruments per annum in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) An agreement has been entered into by Indian Telephone Industries Limited. Bangalore with M|s FACE standard of Italy in October, 1983 for manufacture of 5 lakh telephone instruments and 2.5 lakh critical parts each at Bangalore and Naini Units of Indian Telephone Industries of FACE Domino Rotary Type of telephones. This agreement also includes transfer of technology by the collaborator toi manufacture of push button telephones. The sanction cost of the project is Rs. 18.33 crores.

Supply of ration to survivors of. Bhopal Gas Tragedy

688. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the supply of free ration to the survivors of Bhopal Gas Tragedy, most of whom are crippled and belong to the working class, has been discontinued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken; by Government to get their rations restored so as tO' save them from starvation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R..K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the supply of free ration has been discontinued as the state Government has already undertaken implementation of various -relief and rehabilitation scheme to enable survivors to support themselves. Relief and rehabilitation measures include: (i) ex-gratia grant of Rs. 19,000 to the descendent for each of the deceased persons; (ii) Rs. 1500 to affected families having monthly income of Rs. 500 or less, (iii) Social security pension of Rs. 200 per month to the widows of the tragedy.

Under the Integrated Child Development Scheme, '538 anganwadi centres are functioning in the area benefiting about 62.000 children and

pregnant and lactating mothers. Training in various skills is being imparted to the affected families and worksheds have been set up to provide employment opportunities. Banks have sanctioned loans to 3775 gas affected persons under special Training and Employment Programme for Urban Poor (STEPUP) . There fore, the question of restoring distribution of free rations does not arise.

Report of the Technical team about M/s. Glaxo

689. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1770 given ili the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1985 and state:

(a) when the Technical Team submitted its report about the findings of unauthorised installation of plant and machinery by M[s. Glaxo:

(b) what are the details of the findings of the Technical Team;

(c) whether Government have taken any final decision thereon; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRIR.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Technical Team submitted its reports in July, 1984 (Bathame. thasone) and September, 1984 (For mulations).

(b) to (d) The reports of the Technical Team have been examined. In the light of the overall Industrial policy of the Government it has been decided to re-endorse |recognise the capacities in accordance with the various schemes announced by the Government from time to time.

Manufacture of pliexin capsules

690. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1798 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the price at which each pack and strength of Phexin capsules is being supplied by Capsulation Services Limited to Glaxo and what price Glaxo is charging from the consumers;

(b) whether it is a fact that Glaxo has been permitted to manufacture Phexin Capsules from indigenous bulk drugs; if so, how Government have allowed them to get these capsules manufactured by Capsulation Services Limited from imported bulk drug; and

(c) what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT O F CHEMICALS AND PETRO - CHEMICALS (SHRIR.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Prices at which M|s. Capsulation Services Limited are supplying Phexin Capsules to M|s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited are not available. Capsulation Services Limited are having marketing arrangements with M]s Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited. Maximum retail price charged by M|s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited for these capsules are given below: —

1. Phrxi/i Capsules 250 mg./Cnp. >o'< Rs. 30.27 _
2. Pluxin Gapsl'li 500 mg./Cap. IO's Rs. 58.79 *

(b) and (c) M/s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited hold a letter